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SUBJECT REDTOP/LCIMPROVE/AEJETSET Erik HEINE Case		MICROFILM
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1. CAVATA has supplied the following information based on interviews carried out as requested in Reference:

"Gustav DEUTSCHMANN replied in response to questioning that he was transferred in 1948 to the Swirstroi Camp and met HEINE there. This camp, in which there were also members of the Waffen SS among others, was later gradually dissolved, and he again met HEINE in Camp 12 (presumably 7712) in Leningrad. DEUTSCHMANN claims that he was shipped to Frankfurt/Oder on 6 January 1950. A few days or weeks before this--DEUTSCHMANN was no longer able to say exactly when--HEINE was sent off with a special group (Sonderkommando). It was announced officially that this special group was being released to its homeland, but rumors said that it was being sent to the Urals.

"DEUTSCHMANN also stated that HEINE did not come to any special notice. He was treated and fed exactly like the other prisoners. Because of his knowledge of Russian, he was often used as an interpreter. He allegedly had close relations to prisoners in the so-called "painter brigade" (Malerbrigade), which for the most part was composed of Bavarians."

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"DEUTSCHMANN did not know what rank HEINE had. He did not recognize him on the photo which was shown to him. He could only remember HEINE's name and described him as follows: large, slender, a thin striking face, dark hair combed smoothly toward the back.

"DEUTSCHMANN named the former First Lieutenant, Paul OBERMEIER, as another person who might be able to supply information. OBERMEIER said that he had also been in Camp 12 in Leningrad, but even after looking at the photo, he said that he could not remember having met a HEINE there.

"HUELLE stated that he recalled that at the time of his release in December 1949 a fellow-prisoner by the name of HEINE remained behind in Camp 7712 in Leningrad. He could no longer remember HEINE and could not identify him from the photo which was shown him. The list of names which he had given the Searching Service (Suchdienst) at the railroad station upon his return to Germany he had pulled together from his memory.

"HUELLE showed a letter from his former fellow-prisoner, Gerhard LEISNER, dated 3 April 1950, in which it was stated that HEINE, during his stay in Camp 7712, was taken to the prison in Leningrad.

"In addition, Walter VENOHR, Essen, Herwarthstrasse 59, a former prisoner in Camp 7712 in Leningrad, was also asked about HEINE. He had also included Erich HEINE in a list of prisoners in this camp. The person in the photo appeared familiar to him, however, he could no longer remember what HEINE looked like. VENOHR was in this camp in November and December 1949. He concludes from this that HEINE was also there at the same time.

"Karl LANG, Holzhausen, who was also listed on HUELLE's statement as another person who could supply information, stated after looking at the photo, that he did not know this person. He said he was moved into a camp (number not known) in Leningrad at the end of December 1949 and could remember neither HEINE nor HUELLE.

"HUELLE named additional former prisoners in Camp 7712 in Leningrad. Interviews with these persons are still pending.

"The Foreign Office could not locate any files which deal with the repatriation of Germans from the USSR during the period in question."

2. We will ask CAVATA to debrief Gerhard LEISNER, KALOUS, and ANTROPOFF, if possible, and will advise you as soon as additional information is received.

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